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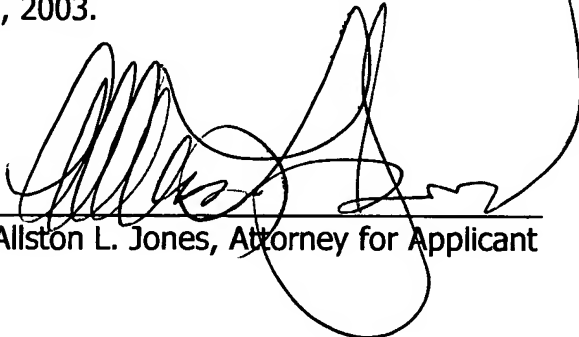
In re Application of:)
MARK E. WILLIAMS)
Serial No.: 10/023,144)
Filed: Dec. 17, 2001)

For: MAGNETIC LEVITATION STAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD

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Sir:

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

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This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month to respond to an Examiner's Action dated August 27, 2003, to extend the time to respond to and including December 29, 2003 since December 27, 2003 is a Saturday and under Patent Office rules the extended action becomes due on the next business day when the extended period ends on a weekend or a Patent Office Holiday.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

Applicant is a small entity.

Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)):

TOTAL MONTHS REQUESTED	FEE OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	420.00	210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	950.00	475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	1,480.00	740.00

FEE \$ 55.00

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on December 29, 2003.

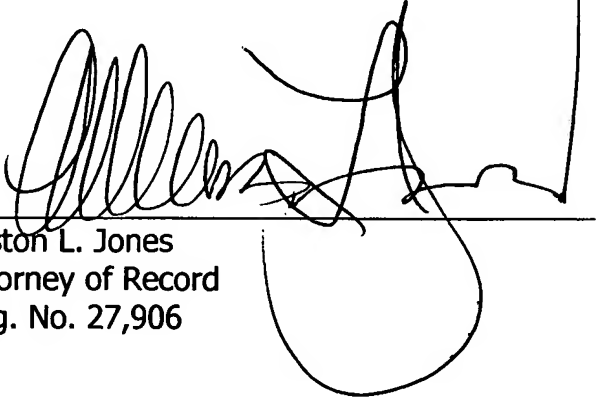
Attached is a check in the amount of \$55.00.

If additional fees are required for filing this petition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1331.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 29, 2003

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